2nd Sunday

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

FAIRBORN, OHIO

APRIL 16, 2023



Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/



"The brethren devoted themselves to the apostles' instruction and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." That is, after all, what it is all about. We are not engaged in a series of events in Christianity, but in a way of life. So too must it be that our spirit of stewardship is not just caught up in repairing the earth but in sustaining it. We are not called to support the church in just emergencies; we

are called to support the church. It will always be easier to doubt in the miracle of God's love for us than it is to believe that His concern for us is real. The new birth that we have received is to a new way of life in Christ - an imperishable inheritance. If we have life through His name, then our lives as bearers of the name must be marked by caring and generous spirits.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Acts 2: 42-47 (2) 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (3) John 20: 19-31 Gather# 1066 Year A Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Acts 2: 14, 22-33 (2) 1 Peter 1: 17-21 (3) Luke 24: 13-35. Gather# 1067 Year A



SAT: 4:00 PM Janet Carchedi, off: Mike Maroney
SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Dorchen Doucette, off: Tom & Denise Doucette & Family
TUE: 9:00AM Retha Tirpack, off: Dave & Pat Banaszak
SAT: 4:00PM Jean Hickey, off: Family
SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE

Collections for April 09, 2023

Regular & Easter Collection & loose cash & envelopes	\$19,789.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$191.00
Total collections for April 09, 2023	\$19,980.00
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Church Renovation Project Total Donations and Pledges as of April 9, 2023 \$145,682.95

Good Friday Holy Land Collection Total \$1,566.00

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

🔊 Thanks to Parishioners

Many thanks to you, our parishioners, for your generosity at Easter.

We greatly appreciate the time, talent and treasure that our parishioners so generously give. Your support of the parish and its ministries is greatly appreciated.

hank you!



From The Pastor's Desk Fr. Bedel

Beloved in Christ, **Thank you** for all your prayers, spiritual bouquets, and Easter greetings in this glorious season!

Decline to sign! In the coming weeks, we will hear more about Archbishop Schnurr's initiative to join leaders of all backgrounds of faith as we oppose an unthinkable ballot initiative in Ohio. It is deceptively named: "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety." It sounds like what it would really do is erase the basic rights of parents for consent and notification before minor children would have procedures that mutilate their bodies or kill their unborn grandchild; make it legal to kill the unborn with almost no restrictions; remove the necessity for abortion practitioners to have a transfer agreement to a hospital when things go bad. Visit (ohiocathconf.org) for the latest from Ohio's bishops. I will share information with you as I receive it form the Archbishop. Until then, if someone asks us to sign a petition to get this horrendous change to Ohio's constitution on the November ballot, we can simply decline to sign.

Please see this bulletin for information about various opportunities to observe **Divine Mercy Sunday** today. Visit <u>https://www.thedivinemercy.org</u> for information about this devotion.

This week, some exciting things for Beacons of Light will happen. As a reminder, it is the process of our family of parishes becoming one canonical parish with multiple churches. Some of the members of our team will participate in "Called and Gifted" on Monday or Tuesday. I will begin a coaching series with "Divine Renovation." On Thursday, we will have our second combined meeting of pastoral staff.

Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

Happy Easter! *Fr. Bedel*

MANY THANKS



Many Thanks for Beautiful Works

Thanks to Diana Stidham and team who gave their time and talents to make the church beautiful for this Lent and Easter Seasons.



Thanks for Wonderful Music



Thanks to Kristen Kosey and the choir and musicians for all the beautiful music during the Lent and Easter Seasons.

IDEA FOR THE WEEK COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS THIS WEEK AND SHARE THEM!



DIVINE MERCY

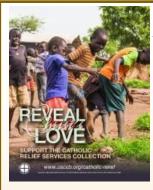


Divine Mercy Novena.

Divine Mercy Sunday originated when Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina. According to St. Faustina's diary, Jesus himself in a vision asked that the **Divine Mercy** Novena be prayed as a preparation for the Feast of

the **Divine Mercy**, celebrated each year on the first Sunday after Easter. The novena will begin on Good Friday thru Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023. **Pamphlets are available on the Bulletin Table.**

CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Catholic Relief Collection April 22 & April 23

Next week, our parish will have The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and

abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at <u>www.usccb.org/catholic-relief</u>. **There will be a second collection at all Masses for Catholic Relief Services.** Please note that if you are using a check to make your donation, your check should be made payable to Mary, Help of Christians (with "Catholic Relief Services " noted on the memo line). We consolidate the donations and write one check. Or use the envelope provided in your April/ May envelope pack. Again, thanks so much for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSR: Sessions will resume today Sunday, April 16th @ 9:45AM.

Next Sunday April 23, will be our last session of PSR for this year. Thanks to our wonderful Catechists, Families and Youth for an awesome year.

CONFIRMATION REMINDERS



Confirmation Reminders - MHC And Sacred Heart: Please mark your calendars for Confirmation Retreat Saturday, April 15, 2023 Transfiguration Center 8:30AM- 5:00PM for candidates.

Sunday, May 7, 6:00-8:00PM for Confirmation practice, prayer, pizza and pop in the church and Parish Center for candidates and their sponsors.

The Rite of Confirmation will be Saturday, May 13 at 4:00PM @ Mary, Help of Christians. Confirmation Reception is immediately after Mass in the Parish Center for MHC and Scared Heart. All are welcome.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION



First Eucharist parents and children: **The First Eucharist Retreat Day and rehearsal** is **Saturday, April 29.** It will be held from 9:00AM-11:00AM in the Church, and Parish Center Hall.

First Communion Mass is Sunday, May 7, at 8:30AM. A reception for the First Communicants will be after Mass in the Brides Room.

WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION



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RESURRECTION:
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7:00PM in Kramer Hall for

another presentation by Fr. Bedel. During Lent we unpacked the Mass and this Easter we will launch from where we ended. Every Mass ends with the command to "Go forth!" We are sent on Mission after every encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. Join us as we explore what accepting that mission could mean for us as disciples in the Church.

SAVE THE DATE



To help defray some of the ever rising food expenses. We are asking for donations of specific food items needed for our Festival Booths again this year. Some of the booths use specific brand name items so please get that specific item. Each week we will have different items that are needed.



Week One

24 oz of Prego Traditional Italian Sauce 16oz Creamette or Barilla Regular Spaghetti 16oz Creamette or Barilla Lasagna

Thank you in advance for your support to making this Festival a huge success. You can drop off your items at the Parish Office or at Church we will have a bin marked Festival Food Items Located by the Bride's Room Door. If we received more food items than we need after the Festival all extra food will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Baptismal Preparation Classes At MHC

The next two Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 9:45AM and Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 9:45AM in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending one of these classes.

ADORATION

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration: You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with

adoration the 4th Monday during each month from 7:00-8:00PM in the church.

> All are Welcome! Join us April 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

K of C Parish Breakfast Sunday, April 16, 2023



The Knights of Columbus awesome Parish Breakfast is back. Our next breakfast is Sunday, April 16. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at

9:30AM and will continue until 11:00AM. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

MHC SOFTBALL TEAM JOIN US

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MHC Softball Team 2023: Mary, Help of Christians is looking to put together a Mary Softball Help Softball Team this year for spring. All ages 18-99 are welcome to play. If you would be interested please contact Eric Rogalinski @ 937-657-6958.

DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING



DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING... Available in the left front section of the church.

FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Family Rosary Every Monday Please join us this Monday, April 17 @ 6:00PM.



ROSARY SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE MASS

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Saturday Afternoon before Mass In The Church. Please join us @ 3:30PM.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

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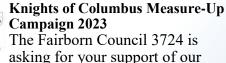
We thank everyone who has participated in the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. from Mary, Help of Christians . If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card make your checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail your pledge card to 100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in the envelope provided in your information packet. You may also bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space for your convenience. There will be a basket marked CMA in the gathering space. There will be a basket marked CMA in the gathering space. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, please visit

https://catholicaoc.org/cma

Thank you!

K OF C MEASURES-UP





annual Measure-Up collection for "Citizens with **Developmental Disabilities**" held during the month of April. This is the Knights of Columbus "flagship" charity. Please use the designated envelope in your church collection packet or designate "For Measure-Up" on your check memo line. Your past support of our fundraising efforts have been very supportive and the receiving organizations have been very thankful.

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APRIL 16, 2023



Sacred Heart

Corner

ADORATION & CONFESSION Join us at Sacred Heart Tuesday Evening for Adoration & CONFESSION. 7:00-8:00 pm English and Spanish

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

All are welcome to join us

Thursdays at 9:30AM

Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Sacred Heart Church is open 7:00AM to 7:00PM for your daily devotions.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Join us at Sacred Heart 9:00 am for

First Friday Mass May 5, 2023

DIVINE MERCY THIS SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Novena.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Sacred Heart Church, New Carlisle, will host a celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday with adoration and confession Sunday, April 16 from 1:00PM-3:00PM. *All are Welcome!*

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week" *Chantilly Cream Dessert Shop Café.* **937-879-3310.** We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support of our weekly bulletin.

THANK YOU: This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION



Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion

There will be a gathering of parish Knights of Columbus and their families at the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday, April 30, 2023 Knights, their wives and families will sit

together to celebrate Mass. *Beginning at 8:00AM the Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass. All are invited.*

WATCH THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join fellow Parishioners as together we experience the Gospel of Jesus through the acclaimed series *The Chosen*. We meet Tuesday afternoons at SFH. from

2:00-4:00PM. The episodes are shown in a casual setting with shared snacks and refreshments. All are welcome. Please reach out to Denise Wetzel with any questions. 937-878-3450

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANK YOU

The members of the St Vincent de Paul Society thank you for your support of our Holy Thursday food drive which was held on April 6, 2023.

Your donations have been used to stock our pantry. These donations will allow us to serve more people and to provide some additions to our basic items. The personal items and cleaning supplies that you provided are especially welcome.

As you know, we serve the people of Fairborn who need additional food but cannot afford it. Your donations will soon be delivered to persons in need. We appreciate your generosity - you have provided us some of the means needed to continue this ministry.

May God bless you every one.





Food Donations for St. Vincent de Paul.

It has been requested that we put an item or two in the bulletin each week that St. Vincent de Paul could use to help defray some of the ever rising food expenses. Each week we will have different items that are needed. You can still bring any items that you would like as well.

DISH SOAP ANY BRAND You can drop off your items at the in the Church gathering space on right side by usher's room door

we will have a blue bin marked Food.



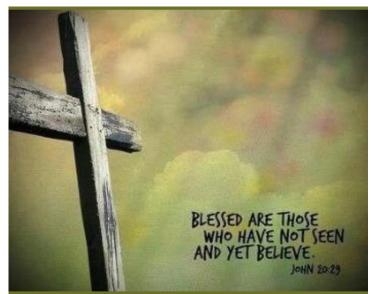
St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month. Look for baskets, at each of the doors, marked for St. Vincent dePaul. St. Vincent volunteers will be holding the baskets.

HELP WITH WATERING FLOWERS AFTER EASTER



Art & Environment The A&E committee always welcomes help with decorating and plant care. We need your help in watering our beautiful Easter flowers

after Easter. If you can spare 30 minutes once or twice a week please call the parish office at 937-878-8353. We will provide a short training session. Thank you.



JOY CLUB



Add JOY to your life this Spring! All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend JOY Club.

JOY Club Special Event which will be on Monday, April 24 at 1:00PM in St.

Francis Hall. Join us on for a movie and root beer floats from 1:00PM-3:00PM. JOY Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from September through June from 1:00PM-3:00PM. Come to cDJOY an afternoon of cards, games or bingo along with fellowship and refreshments with your fellow parishioners and friends. Come feel the JOYI

PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS

Visit the

parish website at: www.mhcparish.org



Visit our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ fairbornmhcchurch/



SPEAK LIFE

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH **FAIRBORN, OHIO**

VBS ST. LUKE



Into the dessert we go for 2023 Vacation Bible School! Join us for adventurous stories, high energy games, unforgettable music, crafty activities and fun with old and new friends!

EVENT DETAILS June 12-16, 2023 9:00 - 11:30 AM (M T Th F) 5:30 - 7:30 PM (W) Family Night

Location: St. Luke Church

PARTICIPATE

For children born before 9/30/2019 through 5th grade in '22/'23 schoolyear.

Cost is \$10/child with \$20/family (max)

VOLUNTEER

Youth who have completed 6th grade through high school may be a team member. Adults are also needed as team members. Together, we'll be Movin' with Moses!

CONTACT

Forms available at MHC Parish Office or at www.saintlukeparish.org Questions: (937) 426-1733 ext 306 or mpyper@saintlukeparish.org

SPIRITUAL WRITING GROUP

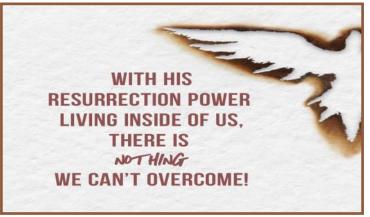


Spiritual Writing Group

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to join anytime. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the

month beginning at 1:00PM and ending no later than 3:00PM. After praying together we spend a silent hour with personal writing--journaling, letters or prayers to God, memoirs or autobiography, etc. There is an optional time for anyone who wants to read aloud some part of their writing. When this happens the group listens quietly without responding, unless the reader requests feed-back. A variety of prompts/ questions and information to spark your writing are available. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 20. Call Pat Scanlon for questions or more information at 937-572-2530.

RESURRECTION POWER



BEACONS OF LIGHT



Implementation of Families of Parishes on July 1, 2022, our Family began Phase 1 of the Beacons of Light pastoral planning process, working towards bringing our 6 parishes together. Information about the work ahead is now available on the Pastoral Planning Pathway website. All are invited to learn more

about the planning process, to better understand the work being done in our Family and to learn how you can contribute. Please visit: https://pathway.catholicaoc.org

PARISH FAMILY TEAM

Join the Love in Action Team and help respond to the needs of our parishes, and the community. Love in Action Team: https://athway.catholicaoc.org/love-in-action Please email jenglefield@saintlukeparish.org and let him know if you are interested in assisting with this team.

CRS OPERATION RICE BOWL 2023

CRS Operation Rice Bowl!



THANK YOU Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl Box in the Gathering Space today Sunday, April 16, 2023. We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity in donating to Operation Rice Bowl.

Please convert your coins to either currency or a check, made payable to the church, before turning in donations. There is a box in the Gathering Space marked Rice Bowl to collect your donations (We will forward one check to the Archdiocese for the accumulated donations.)

Celebrate The Sunday of Divine Mercy in our NE3 Families of Parishes

Sacred Heart Church, New Carlisle - 1:00PM-3:00PM Adoration, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Readings and Music.

St. Luke Church, Beavercreek - 3:00PM

Exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, Prayer, Confession, Reflection on The Divine Mercy by Deacon Gerry and Benediction.

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St. Brigid, Xenia - 3:00PM

Deacon Mark leads Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Prayer and the Rosary.

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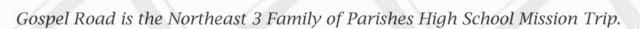
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Divine Mercy



GOSPEL ROAD 2023

MICAH 6:8: DO JUSTICE, LOVE GOODNESS, WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD



Harlan, KY July 9-15, 2023

<u>Student Cost:</u> First Deposit due May 1, 2023: \$100.00 Final Payment due July 3, 2023: \$100.00

Space is limited: 40 High School Youth and 10 Adults can join us for the trip! Deposit and Permission Form hold your spot.

Gospel Road Information Meeting: Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Saint Luke Parish in Bishop Ford Hall from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Parents and Youth should attend.

Age Requirement: Incoming 9th Graders - Graduating Seniors!

Contact Dr. Josh Englefield for more details jenglefield@northeast3parishes.org

MASS TIMES *

PARISH

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:00AM 4:00PM 4:30PM 5:30PM

St. Brigid Mary, Help of Christians St. Brigid St. Luke

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00AM 8:30AM 9:00AM 9:30AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 11:15AM 12:00PM

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:30AM 9:00AM

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

8:00AM 8:30AM 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

8:00AM 8:30AM 9:00AM 6:00PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

8:00AM 8:30AM 8:30AM 9:00AM FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:00AM 4:00PM 4:30PM 5:30PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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